

Minutes

September 2, 2021

N. C. Board of Agriculture

Ray Allen

Ben Shelton

Doug Boyd

Bob Sutter

Jose Calderon

Jeffrey Turner

John William Carter, III

Scott Tyson

Anne Faircloth

Faylene Whitaker

Jim Lambeth

Steve Troxler, Chairman

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The September 2, 2021 Board of Agriculture meeting was held via conference call. Commissioner Troxler called the meeting to order at 10:31 am and called on Tina Hlabse for a roll call to establish a quorum. The following Board members participated in the call: Ray Allen, Jose Calderon, Anne Faircloth, Billy Carter, Doug Boyd, and Jeff Turner.

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Commissioner Troxler began by reading the Ethics Reminder. He then called on Tien Cheng to present the request for final adoption for rule 02 NCAC 52B .0214. The State Veterinarian, Dr. Martin, was also on the call to answer any questions. On June 28, 2021, the Board voted to adopt an emergency rule for the importation of rabbits. The emergency rule became effective on July 13, 2021. In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act for emergency rulemaking, the Board of Agriculture also voted to authorize temporary rulemaking, concurrent with the emergency rule adoption. The temporary rule was published on July 8, 2021 for public comment and a public hearing was held on July 16, 2021.

The Veterinary Division at the scheduled public hearing received comments regarding the cost of obtaining health certificates, availability of veterinarians that will conduct health certificate examinations for rabbits, and whether RHDV-2 detected states would ever revert to undetected if no cases are reported after a certain period of time.

In reviewing the public comments, the Veterinary Division did not feel that any change in the health certificate and import requirements should be made. They explained that health certificates are needed to ensure that rabbits brought into the state are free from contagious animal disease, including RHDV-2 and the risk of disease.

The only change made to the temporary rule after its publication is the information requested for the import permit. The import permit will now request the state of origin, the health certificate inspection date, the owner of the rabbit at the time of import, and the person responsible for the animal at the destination.

Jeff Turner made the MOTION to approve rule 02 NCAC 52B .0214 as presented. The MOTION was seconded by Doug Boyd and passed unanimously.

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There being no further business to discuss, Billy Carter made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting. The MOTION, seconded by Jeff Turner, passed unanimously. The meeting of the N.C. Board of Agriculture adjourned at 10:39 a.m.

Recorded and Prepared by:

Tina L. Hlabse

Adopted by the Board this 8<sup>th</sup> day  
of November, 2021.

  
Steven W. Troxler  
Commissioner of Agriculture  
Chairman

  
Tina L. Hlabse  
Secretary